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H.B. No. 2764

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to caregiver training for substitute care providers for
3 children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and
4 Protective Services.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Sections 42.0537(a) and (b), Human Resources
7 Code, are amended to read as follows:

8 (a) The department shall include a provision in each
9 contract with a child-placing agency with whom children in the
10 managing conservatorship of the department are placed that requires
11 the child-placing agency to provide [~~at least 35 hours of~~]
12 competency-based, preservice training to a potential caregiver
13 before the child-placing agency verifies or approves the caregiver
14 as a foster or adoptive home. The amount of training required by
15 this subsection may not exceed 35 hours.

16 (b) The department shall adopt policies to ensure that each
17 potential caregiver receives [~~at least 35 hours of~~]
18 competency-based, preservice training before the department
19 verifies or approves the caregiver as a foster or adoptive home.
20 The amount of training required by this subsection may not exceed 35
21 hours.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.